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THE CONDUCTOR'S CAROL

I like to stand by

At the end

To watch

A reaching train,

Of f

A reaching train,

Of f

Are the fron rails recied off

Like threads from an endless skien.

Lokety, lankety, ling!

The chords of fron ring

In tune with every jar

Of the swiftly moving car.

Music and motion, well combined,

Will give relief to a troubled mind.

The trees and fences near the track Go flying backward fast,
And bouses swim in level fields
Until it seems it wast
That I alone an standing still
And the world is gliding past.
Clickely, clackety, clang!
A bridge goes by with a bang,
The time to cross its span
Is a fot in the life of man,
And a span of life is much too brief
To be shortened or clouded by useless grief.

A dozen homes are left behind At every minute's run—
I know that somebody's hope or fears
Are centered in every one.
Somebody's race has only begun
And somebody's nearly done.
Bumpety, bampety, bind!
Around the curves I wind.
The platform rocks and swings The platform rocks and swings.
But rests on trusty springs.
There's nothing so good for a tired brain.
As a ride at the end of a lightning train.

—A. M. Ensign.

WHAT HE REMEMBERED The One Never-to-be-Forgotten

Act of His Life

George Mason was a very prominent meen, dishonest, or cruel.

But there was an incident of his early youth of which they knew nothing, an the Professor's description of a strange willingly have given all the wealth and in his subaltern days on the occasions incident he had never mentioned to any species of moth found in Australia, honor he acquired in his later years to of "kit inspection" -as when what to one, and of which he could not think, when he was annoyed by a touch on his rid her eyes of that mournful expres- all intents and purposes seemed to be a even at sixty years of age, without a ting- arm, and turning, saw John Drake, his sion which reproached him for that one neat folded linen shirt or flannel vest Christison-whose son became eminent to their prospect for headache in the deep'est shame and contrition.

it was connected with his sister Susan.

was a difference of nearly seventeen Look, there she is now," years in their ages. George could not George turned his eyes toward the had died when he was an infant; but he him, a heavy basket of towels on her buttoned to a waist, with large white had never felt their loss, so tireless and arm, his sister Susan.

cheerful always that George, when a if he did so? And Prof. Reeveslittle fellow, took it as a matter of No he could not do it. course that she should toil for his main-

alize his obligations to her, and to wish "She will never know," he turned that he could take on his own shoulders the burden hers had carried so long. When he graduated at the High School in Reaver's Falls, he begged her to let him find employment of some kind; but her heart was set on his spending a couple of years at the Drinkwater Acad- was about to put down her basket, emy, and she would not listen to any other plan.

"Now is the time for you to learn, George," she said, "and I want to see ance, in his attempt to avoid her, she you well fitted to take your place in the | read the truth-he was ashamed of her. world. A good education is of the first | For an instant she stood motionless; importance to a man, and I know if I then with, a long, gasping sigh, which allowed you to leave school now I would seemed to George to come from the regret it as long as I lived. Never mind depths of her heart, she lifted her to it, and wouldn't know how to be with averted face passed by him with-

Drinkwater, and his brave, unselfish end of the room, and give the basket to such paramount importance.

cheerfulness and good humor, and she in them. made no mention of the severe head-George could only guess at the sacri- hand. fices she made for him.

ting-room bung a fine photograph of every one in the room. "I can't be mis-George, neatly framed. Susan valued taken! Have I met you at last, after all it as her dearest earthly possession, and these years?" at Christmas time it was always It seemed to George as if the room wreathed with bright holly and smilax. | was whirling around him. Could it be George did not know how frequently possible that it was Susan, the sister of his sister's eyes sought that pictured whom he had been ashamed, that the face, when sitting at her sewing, nor Professor held by the hand so gladly, how many times she left her washtubto and whom he was leading toward the take a look at it. He laughed one day man of science with so eager an air? at the tender, gentle way in which she the cord more securely.

"Do you think a great deal of it?"

"I think I ought to have one of you,"

about which he had never been told, room.' had taken from poor Susan's face all that which shone in her gentle, earnest | Shields." eves. A terrible scar hopelessly disskin was withered and faded like that of a very old woman.

said George, going to her, and putting that she had moved from the town, and Democrat. his arms about her, "and I really would I have never been able to discoverlike to have a photograph of you." one hand, while with her other she from the building.

reshed back the hair from her brother's

So George turned the conversation to Still he did not move. something else, and speedily forgot all

about the matter. had the class in English Literature and little hart at first, of course. But it Natural History, and he was particutaining to nate, and was an excellent | me, coming in upon you so unexpectedly er's Falls.

the museum when at home and knew his arm around her; and as he kissed by heart the contents of almost every over and over again the poor, scarred, case it contained, but he had never had tear-wet face, he poured forth words of any one with him who could talk in- deepest sorrow and contrition, and telligently about them, or who could pleaded humbly to be pardoned for the explain to him the nature of various odd pain he caused her. objects which had puzzed him.

a genuine surprise."

Seaver's Falls was only sixty miles known!"

ral history party, taking an early train, twofold, and told him over and over out of mess;" that is to say, instead of man in Beaver's Falls. For several Professor Retves, and was deeply in- something nice for him to eat, and terms a member of the Legislature, and terested in the discussions which took packed a little basket full of goodies quarters of a pound of meat per diem and a for him to take back to the Academy. was widely known and universally re- noted scientist who was an excellent "This painful matter must never be talker and possessed a wonderful fund referred to again, dear George," she spected; and his friends, many of whom of information on the subject of natural said as she kissed him good-bye. "We dated their sequaintance with him from history. But some of the other boys will both forget it." boyhood, said he was a strictly upright grew tired, after a time, of the learned man and had never done anything gentleman's views, and strolled away George knew that the memory of it than their unencumbered companions. tion of the two, but certain it is that his claim upon their standing in society

amusement of some kind. parents.

"Come along with me," whispered and though Susan never alluded to it in John. "I know you have heard enough any way, and seemed to cherish only of this sort of talk, and I want you to How a Couple of Young Americans the kindest feelings toward him, George see the ugliest woman you ever laid felt sure that she remembered it to the eyes on. She's enough to give a fellow day of her death, and that the remem- the nightmare for a week. Dill and ries?" brance was as painful to her as to him. Manning have been trying to chaff her, She was only his half-sister, and there but they can't get a word out of her.

remember either of his parents, for they door, and saw, coming slowly toward straw hats. They were short pants,

complete was Susan's devotion to him. All the boys at the Academy knew for his sake she had given up her that George had a sister, and that she dreams of becoming a teacher, and had lived in Beaver's Falls, but were not taken up the laborious occupation of a aware that her occupation was that of laundress; and that he might be com- a laundress. He had never considered fortably clothed and sent to school, she it necessary to mention that fact. had denied herself almost the necessi- Could he acknowledge it now? Could he go forward and embrace fraternally Hard as she was obliged to work, and this tired-looking, stooping, plainly few as were her pleasures, she never dressed woman with the scarred, discomplained and was so bright and torted face? What would the boys say

Yet he hesitated a moment, his better tenance, and never thought to thank or | feelings, his love for the sister who had done so much for him, struggling for But as he grew older he began to re- the ascendancy; then, with the thought: aside to avoid the meeting.

But he turned too late. Susan had happened to glance in the direction in which he stood, and recognized him at once.

She gave a slight exclamation, and when suddenly she paused and her face flushed crimson. In her brother's expression of mortification and annov-

about my working so hard. I'm used heavy basket higher on her arm, and out a word.

So George went to the Academy at | He saw her stop at a desk at the other sister continued to wash and wring and a janitor, who gave her some money in iron, proud that her labors secured to return, but saw no more; for fearing to him the education she considered of meet her eyes again, he turned his face toward a case of butterflies and moths, Her letters to him were models of and pretended to be deeply interested

He was startled by an exclamation of aches which frequently prostrated her surprise and pleasure from Prof. for hours, or the terrible cough she con- Reeves, who broke off in the middle of tracted by doing without rubber shoes a sentence, and started forward toward which she did not feel able to buy. the center of the room with outstretched

"Susan! Susan Shields?" he cried, in Over the mantel in Susan's little sit- a voice that was distinctly heard by

"Beaufort," he heard him say, "I

the beauty it had ever possessed, save | "I am indeed proud to know you, Miss

George could endure no more. Pale,

When Sasan entered her home an ritt describes one of them two feet long hour later, she found him lying on the and calling for twenty different ingre-"No, no," she said, in a low voice. only in the little sitting-room, his face dients.

"You must not ask it, dear George. I buried in the great patchwork cushion. know you love me too well ever to feel He did not move or speak as she apashamed of either me or my picture, proached him.

quest. Say no more about it, dear "George," she said, tremulously, wen't you look at me, dear? I have something I want to say to you."

"You must not feel so badly about it, dear," continued Susan, still in that The most popular teacher in Drink- tremulous voice, and laying her hand water Academy was Prof. Reeves, who tenderly on his shoulder. "I was a larly kind to George, who took a great you acted as you did. It was only and genuine interest in everything per- natural that you should be ashamed of historian. It may herefore be under- and in this plain, cheap dress-andstood how great was George's pride and I don't mind it at ail, really!" But pleasure in being asked by the Professor even as she spoke she sank down in a to make one of a small party which had little heap on the floor, and hitting her in view a visit to the museum at Beav- face in her hands began to cry as if her heart would break.

George had frequently strolled into George was by her side in an instant,

"O, Susan!" he said, it is you who "I'm sure to have a apital time," he ought to be ashamed of me. I can scars, dear sister! If I had only to support his wife and

and made her doubly sensitive to her

HUCKLEBERRIES.

Secured a Supply for the Winter. "Ge whiz! Look at the huckleber-

"Golly, ain't that immense!"

The speakers were two small boys, sun-burned, barefooted, and with big outtons, and were on their way to the creek to swim; but at sight of a large patch of ripe berries forgot all about the water.

"Go for 'em!" said the older boy: and without more delay both scramt led into the bushes, and were soon stained inside and out with bright blue juice. It does not take long for a boy to fill himself, and soon both boys were as full as they could hold.

"Um-guess that is all I can hold." remarked the first boy.

"I'm full too, you bet! but I wish I was holler all the way to my feet, so I could hold more. Let's take some home to mother.

"All right, but how can we carry 'em? I can't hold any more inside of me, and we ain't got a basket or sack." "I'll tell ye what! Let's take off our pants, tie up the legs an' carry 'em home full.

"All right." And without a moment's delay the two little rascals slipped off their pants, tied up the bottom of each leg with string and soon had each pair of pants full of ripe berries. Slinging their pants over their shoulders they started for home, slipped along by the woods, down the hollow, past the old watering trough, and reached the barn, where they found a large basket, emptied the berries and put the pants where they belonged. And do you suppose the berries were all nice whole ones? Not a bit of it. About one-third were mashed and the inside of

the pants were damp and blue. The boys didn't notice this but picked up the basket and carried the berries to mother. Wasn't she delighted! That same day the berries were prepared and put in jars, and all that winter we had huckleberries. But you should have seen those boys that night when they undressed for bed! Of all the blue sights you ever saw, and it would not rub off either.

From the waist down those boys were one, or rather two, masses of blue. (Blue mass is a better phrase.) How hey did vell and laugh, until their mother came up to see what the matter was. Then both crept into bed and drew a blanket over the scene.-Peck's

Pompeii's Danger.

There is reported danger that the latest eruption of Vesuvius will overwhelm Pompeii afresh. The whole of the old city has not yet been disinterred handled it when taking it down to fasten want to introduce you to the bravest, by any means. It is slow work to resnoblest woman it has ever been my lot urrect a wealthy place which once con-"You show more respect to that pict- to know. But for her I would in all tained at least 20,000 inhabitants, from ure than you do to me, Susan." he said. probability not have been alive now. such a deep tomb of ashes and scoriæ; She saved me fifteen or sixteen years and furthermore the work had to be "O, George, you can't imagine how I ago from a frightful death. I was lying prosecuted with extreme caution. Reckvalue it." answered Susan, warmly. sick in bed, unable to move hand or less haste might result in the destruc-"It is such a comfort to me when you foot, when a sudden breeze, coming tion of priceless works of act; a too into an open window, blew the curtains sudden exposure to light and air might into the gas-light. Susan Shields, cause masterpieces of fragile material waiting in the hall to speak to my to crumble into dust. It has been "George." She flushed painfully, mother, who was engaged with com- hoped that further researches would be and the tears rose to her eyes. Some pany, smelled the smoke, and rushing rewarded by the discovery of precious secident which had occurred when up stairs, made her way through the manuscripts-works of unknown auth-George was only two years of age, and flames, and carried me bodily from the ors, or complete copies of works whereof the greater part has been lost, and of "A brave act!" said Prof. Beaufort, which we possess only fragments of exquisite beauty. Already many manuscripts have been found; but these were "An act that I have never been able not of the character hoped for. A delfigured brow, cheek, and chin, and the to reward, deeply as I have felt my ob- uge of lava would end all research of ligations to her for it," said Prof. this kind, and deprive the world of one

-Chinese doctors induce faith in Susan brushed away her tears with bewildered and contrite, he hyrried their prescriptions by making them of gigantie size. A writer in the Fortsch-

WIVES OF SOLDIERS. Now the Matrimonial Question is Regu-

lated in the British Army. The general reader knows more, probably, about the solar system than about the details of regimental life; though he is always ready to listen to a tale of wrong like that which was lately told about soldiers' wives. It will be news to many that a soldier can not lawfully get married, or is not recognized as lawfully married, until he has completed six years' service and is also the possessor of a good conduct badge. Having served the allotted period, leave has to be obtained from the command-Ing officer of the regiment; but as a rule permission is granted readily enough. But even then it may be some time before the newly-elected benedict can avail himself of the privileges of "free quarters."

The proportion of married men for whom accommodation is provided by Government is about ten per cent. of the total strength of the regiment, and when a man has obtained the necessary permission to enter the holy estate it nay happen that the "married strength" thought, "and perhaps I may have a never never forgive myself. If you had of the regiment is already above on his regimental pay and rations. But reached the museum at eleven o'clock. again that she loved him just as well taking his meals in barracks with the George kept as close as possible to as ever. Then she began to look for other men he is permitted to draw his rations and do his best to make threeto make both ends meet under such cir- 'ead of a hox, and now hit his a mis- third man made it his business to quiet-Ah, that was easier to say than to do. iment contrive to keep up a better kit old Englishman's zeal, or a combina- dition, as to the nature and extent of in different directions in search of clung to his sister as long as she lived, Of course there are exceptions; and this special missionary box attracted for the kindness of his escort. many an officer will be able to call to contributions in an extraordinary man- The hackman said that times were George was listening attentively to unfortunate appearance, and he would mind some startling effects encountered ner. - Chicago Times. not usually worn by the male sex.

> some of the mess and officer's linen to sentence; turn it into Latin, sir. wash. By the practice of strict economy a soldier's wife can, under such concultural laborer or mechanic. But pelled to endure a spell of enforced idle- | Buffalo Express. ness; but with the soldier's wife this necessity is not so apparent. So long as her husband remains in the service (ill or well) so long will be receive a certain amount of daily pay; and although the contingency of his services being required abroad may at times present itself to her mind, the possibility of such | want friends the least, but at the same an event is usually overlooked until it time best know how to prize them the arrives to find her quite unprepared.

Putting aside the men married "with leave," there are in nearly every regiment a large proportion of men who have got married without the necessary permit to do so. Although they do not actually offend against military law. their status as married men can not be recognized by the authorities. The man who marries without sanction is to all practical intents and purposes looked upon as single. He is compelled to continue to mess with his comrades in barracks, although as a rule a certain amount of laxity is observed in allowing leave to sleep out of barracks. When a regiment moves from one station to another the wives of such men often find it a matter of extreme difficulty to scrape together the necessary funds for the railway journey; although, to their are now introduced at dinner." If rence. - Chicago Ledger. credit be it said, they as a rule do manway or other, and before their husbands | and not be on speaking terms with it .have fairly settled down in their new Philadelphia Press. quarters they are generally located in a

date themselves in a single room in bar- those."-N. Y. Times. racks, the only division being curtains - "A scientist says that the way to Continent, who are all, from Prince alive by means of a pocket battery. stretched across. After a time the au- sleep is to think of nothing," read Mrs. Bismarck downward, possessed with the Perhaps, by and by, a little light can be thorities awoke to the fact that this Smith in a newspaper. "If that be notion that guile is upon occasion an admitted into a dude's head by a simistate of things was not quite what it true I should say that you would sleep allowable weapon. They regard the lar process. - Broome Republican. should be, and a single room to each all the time, my dear," said her hus making of feints as part of statecraft. -A shrewd old gentleman once said couple has long been the order of the band. "No doubt, Mr. Smith, for I just as it is part of strategy, and have to his daughter: "Be sure, my dear, day. - London News.

modeled their life and manners as the old lady-"Certainly, grandmother, the full control over the acts of Russian "shrinkage of trout streams." A trout closely on those of the same class in I'll be glad to have you go with me; Agents which is enjoyed by other For-China as their circumstances would but you will have to own up to the door- eign Offices. The Foreign Minister permit. They dress much the same, keeper that you are over fifteen years may give assurances in the most perfect but in silk of less glossy hue. They of age." Grandmother-"Then I faith; but he does not appoint and can never wear their hair en queue. They guess Ill wait a while yet, Johnnie."- not remove either the Governors-Geneither wear sandals or go barefooted. When they appear in public it is with a -A man having built a large house if they act for themselves, the Czar, who certain number of buge umbrellas or was at a loss what to do with the rub- alone can control all alike, may for parasols, some before or beside them to bish. His Irish steward advised him to personal or dynastic, or even political indicate their rank. The number has have a pit dug large enough to contain reasons, feel compelled to side with been considerably abridged since the it. "And what," said he, smiling, them rather than his Foreign Minister, occupation of Tonquin by the Chinese. "what shall I do with the earth I dig up who, again, when this has occurred, from it?" To which the steward, with makes the best of it. He may resign, horselike palanquin or hammock, great gravity, replied: "Have the pit and according to Western ideas he covered by an oval roof, bent down at made large enough to hould it all."- should resign; but that is not the way the sides. The dignitary always re- N. Y. Independent. clines, and is entirely screened from the | -Young Featherly, who was dining "I did not mean to hurt you, Susan," and I inquired for Miss Shields, I found it arms about her, and putting is arms about her, and I really would is a real arms about her, and I really would is a real arms about her, and I really would is a real arms about her, and I really would is a real arms about her, and I really would is a real arms about her, and I really would is a real arms about her, and I really would is a real arms about her, and I really would is a real arms about her, and I really would is a real arms about her, and I really would is a real arms about her, and I really would is a real arms about her, and I really would is a real arms about her, and I really would is a real arms about her articles. which may be wanted during the excur- Bobby," interposed the father in alarm. | would not induce her to make peace sion .- Cor. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. "Little boys should be sen, not-"

to borrow money from foreign sources. o' salt. '-N. Y. Times.

RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL

Mrs. Livermore was the first woman to ever speak before a Harvard College assembly. She spoke there recently.-Hartford Post. -During the last nine years France

has spent nearly \$5,000,000 per annum on increasing and reorganizing her university institutions. -The New York Advocate claims that the Methodist Church has had

40,000 persons added to its membership in the past three months. -The Boston Latin School has celebrated its two hundred and fiftieth anniversary. It is spoken of as the pioneer institution of the public school system of America. It is a year older than Harvard.

-Although Costa Rica is burdened with a public debt of about ten dollars per capita of her population, the Government supports a university and publie schools in every city and village. The schools are free, except an enrolling fee of two dollars for each pupil annually, and teachers are paid from thirty-five to fifty dollars per month.

chance to call on Susan. I'll give her only told me how you came by these the limit, in which case he has States of Maryland, Kentucky and Loui- of political influence he considered himself | siana. The St. Joseph's Missionary self entitled to. Baltimore ten years ago. - N. Y. Sun.

-Prof. Blackie is not the only eccen- ten dollars. tric master the young men of Edinburg University have had over them. Prof.

ling in his cheeks, and a feeling of the son of wealthy and aristocratic having caught a student winking in his popped and the evanescent sparkler the remains of an article of female attire having caught a student winking in his popped and the evanescent sparkler Latin class, ordered him to stand up and When once a married man has be- spoke as follows: "No smirking, no pist found an opportunity to get his come enrolled on the "strength" his smiling, and, above all, no tipping of breath in the neighborhood of the brigposition is materially improved. He the wink; for such things are hurtful and's nose, and with much incoherency has his single room in barracks, with to yourselves, baneful to the republic, of speech wanted to know the extent of coal, gas and wood free; his wife gets a and will bring down the gray hairs of the levy. share of the regimental washing, and if your parents with sorrow to the grave. she is a good laundress, frequently has Hum! by the way, that's a very pretty

-the Chautauqua (N. Y.) Literary and Scientific Circle, recognizing the deditions, enjoy a more comfortable ex- mand for education in the practical istence than if she is mated to an agri- pursuits of life, and encouraged by the wonderful success of its former efforts, even under the most favorable condi- has decided to add to its great school tions it is hard to lay by for a rainy another branch, to be called the Chauday; and we may be sure that many of | taugua Town and Country Club, and to the wives of the brave fellows who have be devoted to the practical study of ag- did. lately set out for the Soudan had not | riculture. The most novel feature of | more than a few shillings to the club will be the programme of work. make a fresh start with. In civil All members will be expected to select life a thrifty housewife will en- from a prepared list one or more pieces deavor to lay by a small stock against of work to be done on the farm, in the bad times occasioned by slackness of garden or in the house; to perform the work, when the bread-winner may, work carefully and thoroughly, and to through force of circumstances, be com- | send in a written report of the work .-

WIT AND WISDOM.

-The sunshine of life's highway of us?" comes from happy hearts. -Those who have resources within themselves, who can dare to live alone,

-As benevolence is the most sociable of all virtues, so it is of the largest extent, for there is not any man, either so great or so I'ttle, but he is yet capable

of giving and receiving benefits. -It was somewhat embarrassing for Aunt Jane when Johnny, a few evenings since, at a gathering of friends at his mother's house, asked: "Didn't you know the real Noah, Aunt Jane?" -Some people imagine that to be in- him to the wall and make him refuse to solent is to impress the world with their take anything more. But he sat up dignity. The world is not to be deceived in such matters. True dignity

sits like a coronet of jewels on the brow of politeness. - Arkansaw Traveler. contemporary that "pickled walnuts a flight of fancy, but an actual occurthere is anything we dislike it is to sit age to solve this difficult problem some opposite a pickled walnut at dinner

-A Western citizen who had been lodging within easy distance of the bar- | v. orsted in a fight was told that he could collect damages. "I did co lect dam-Incredible as it may seem, not very ages," he replied mournfully. "I colmany years ago as many as three or lected everything but a piece of my left four soldiers' families had to accommo- ear and two front teeth; I couldn't find

who doesn't want to be bothered with Foreign Office at St. Petersburg has not Texas Siftings.

vulgar gaze by curtains that entirely with the family, was unremitting in his fill the uncovered openings. He is at- attentions to the eldest daughter. "I -During the recent Franco-Chinese Bobby: "'cos ma told her las' night little to fear from the resistance of their difficulty the latter country was for the that everything what Mr. Featherly opinion. It is the army only, and the first time in her long history compelled said to her must be taken with a grain statesmen, that the Czar has to consult

FOUR OF A KIND.

Flow a Chicago Hackman Played It on Quartette Who Were Painting the Town Some time ago a quartette of Colorado bucks came to Chicago to swap

wealth for soaring hilarity and to arminate the metropolis. They paid homage to Bacchus until they began to get somewhat shaky in the legs and then chartered a hack, and then the jamboree commenced in earnest. After an hour's ride, with stops at all way sta- | vinced that it is the will of the Lord tions for refreshments, one of the Big | that we should return to America be-Four took the hackman aside, and with an air of much impressiveness inquired in a cautious whisper the extent of his claim to their beneficence. He was university. Nature is wiser than the quiet about it, because the leading char- schoolmaster; she educates, but she acteristic of a Colorado man is to insist | never crams. Her scholars do not go on paying for everything when he up to take their degrees: their degrees

knocks around with a crowd. The hackman said his bill was ten

It was paid, and the carnival progressed at a rattling gait. At the next pause to irrigate, another man found | twelve meeting houses. Now there are -The Roman Catholics claim about an opportunity to exchange a few 100,000 colored members in the United private words with the jehu, in the States, two-thirds of whom reside in the course of which he inquired the amount

Society began systematic work among The hackman said he had no hope of distant from Drinkwater, and the natural history party, taking an early train, twofold, and told him over and over out of mess:" that is to say, instead of and held its first general chapter at eall it ten dollars.

It was paid and the excursion re--A clergyman desiring contribu- sumed its winding way. In a short time tions for a special object, fitted up an the wheels of the chariot had ceased to and one pound of bread fill two mouths he inscribed his aspirations to this again looking to the zenith and hearing instead of one. How the men contrive effect: "This 'orn was once on the something gurgle. At this pause the cumstances is a mystery; but they do, sionary box." It might have been the ly step aside and put a few words in the and as a rule the married men of a reg- odd jingle, and it might have been the ear of the acquisitive pilot of the expe-

hard, but that he could get along with

Again they loaded up and went forward in quest of a still further addition disappeared, the remaining philanthro-

The hackman said Colorado people came his way so seldom that he would have to exact a ransom of ten dollars. Once more the wheels were put in motion, and along towards morning the boozy party brought up at the Grand Pacific and disembarked for good. As they were about to go into the hotel one of the men said to the hackman:

"I-paid you, I believe?" "Yes," said the bold buccaneer, "you

"But I paid you myself, didn't I?" inquired the second man. "Yes, sir." "But hold on. I paid the raseal, too

Didn't I. John?" put in the third. "It runs in my head that you did?" men into three companies, and he put "But I gave him ten dollars just a short time ago. Didn't I?" said the a trumpet into every man's hand, with

last victim. "You did, for a fact."

"And do you mean to say that you have taken ten dollars from each one

"That's the way it looks to me." "Well, are you satisfied now? Do you want any more?" ... "Just as you please, gentlemen. Suit yourselves and you'll suit me.

Thunder, man! You ought to be in Congress. You're a credit to Chicago, and I'm proud to know you. Do us the honor to come in and have a bottle of possesses of the early Gothic, the parent wine with us. What do you say?" of all the Germanic tongues. "That strikes me," said the man of

staggering gall, as he threw the blanket on his horses. And into the hotel the party went, and put in the remainder of the night couring wine into the gourmand, with the vain hope that they would crowd

with them till they gave it up as hopeless, and beat a retreat. He had learned his trade at Niagara, and understood his business thoroughly, -We are glad to learn from a valued as they found to their cost. This is not malaria. She must think editors are

THE CZAR.

Whom He Must Consult and Convince is the Event of War.

poraries, accuse the Russian Government of habitual and deliberate bad faith. Its statesmen are probably no worse than half the diplomatists of the thing in dudedum. The spark is kept think a great deal of you."-Chicago no more scruple about gaining time by you never marry a poor man; but reassurances than about preparing an member that the poorest man in the The upper class of Anamese have the rink with you, Johnny." Johnny, have all along maintained, that the ing else."—Chicago Tribune. eral or the Commanders-in-Chief, and of despotic courts, where resignation is regarded as implying an impertinent censure on the sovereign. If M. de Giers meant resigning, he would not resign, but fall sick. England can not The Russian war party, therefore, "Well, she ought to eat salt," insisted though not aided by the people, has or to convince.-London Spectator.

SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

-The Congregational Academy at Salt Lake City, Utah, has six teachers and 240 pupils, a large proportion of

whom come from Mormon homes. -Washington is a remarkably religious city. Statistics show 180 churches, with 49,351 members. Of this total membership, however, about 21,000 are in the colored churches,

-A returning missionary writes to a church paper: "We suffer so much in the hot season that we are fully confore the hottest Indian weather is upon us again.'

-He was a graduate in nature's

come to them .- Jean Inquiow. -In 1877 there were twenty-three Danish-Norwegian Baptist churches in eight Western States, with 1,350 members, seventeen ordained ministers and thirty-nine churches, thirty-four ministers and twenty-seven meeting houses.

-N. Y. Examiner. -Since 1870 women have been admitted to universities in Sweden. Norway, Russia, Switerland, Italy, Spain and France. At St. Petersburg in 1882 ninety-nine yeung women were given degrees in the literary and historical department and sixty-four in the

scientific department. -Japanese educators are making an effort to substitute Roman letters for those now in use in Japan. It would probably require but little persuasion to nduce the people to adopt the English language outright, if one may judge from the willingness with which they have accepted other American and English eustoms and methods. - Current.

-The public hears from time to time of a discussion over the question of public worship at Hurvard University. In point of fact, there are at present no regular Sunday services in the college chapel. During the winter an occasional discourse was given. Attendance upon some church on Sunday is no longer requisite; but by a recent decision compulsory attendance upon morning prayers in the college chapel is continued. -N. Y. Sun.

-An ancient custom was observed recently at a London church where, it accordance with the will of Peter Symonds, which dates so far back as the year 1586, sixty of the younger boys of Christ's Hospital attended divine services in the morning, and afterward reeived a new penny and a bag of raisns. It was stated that this was the two hundred and ninety-first celebration of this quaint ceremony.

-At Portland, Me., a clergyman who manages a Gospel temperance mission has organized a "Gideon's Band," which is said to introduce Wagnerian effects in the choruses sung during the services, the idea on which the scheme is founded being taken from Judges, vii., 16: "And he (Gideon) divided 300

empty pitchers and lamps within the pitchers."-Boston Journal. -The famous "Codex Argenteus," the four gospels translated by Bishop Ulphilas, is preserved in the University of Upsala. It is written on 182 leaves of parchment in letters of silver on a ground of faded purple. It is kept in a glass case and under lock and key. It dates back to the second half of the fourth century, and, besides being of value to the religious world, it gives the secular world all the knowledge it now

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

-A man content to live in an oleomargarine boarding house does not know on which side his bread is buttered,-

N. O. Picayune. -Schools are are to be established in the navy for instruction in the culinary art. The fine old expression, "son of a sea-cook," will henceforth have added force.-N. Y. Mail.

idiots if she expects to get one of them to take it willingly, even if she offers to give it to him for nothing .- Oil City Derrick. -A Jersey City doctor forms his written prescription into poetry. A We do not, like some of our contem- doctor's prescription is bad enough

-Ella Wheeler has written a poem on

under any circumstances, but written verse must be an awful dose. - Yonkers Statesman.

-Electric scarf pins are the latest

-An angler's paper speaks of the stream may shrink, but the trout never does. It generally expands and increases in weight after being removed from the stream by an angler. - Norris-

town Herald. -If a man weighing 150 pounds were as active in proportion to his weight as a flea, he would be able to jump over a three-story building. But, unless a man carried a feather bed with him to fall on, he wouldn't jump over a threestory building more than once - N. Y.

-Two colored dandies were overheard indulging in the following conversation on one of the streets of a Texas town: "I say, Jim, you doesn't call around as much as yer used to, at de house ob Miss Matilda Snowball," I'se afeered she will suspect my ward-robe am limited." "Pshaw, niggah, yon is a fool. Jess keep on going ter see her jess as you is, and den she will be sure to take to you. bekase you are so unchanging in your suit - heah! heah! -Texas Siftings.